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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Fidel COLOMA (Chile)

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 June 1995. The Committee held _____ meetings (556th to _____ meetings). The session was opened by Mr. Miles Stoby, Director, Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

B. Attendance

2. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

3. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine.

4. The following specialized agency was represented: International Labour Organization.

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5. The following intergovernmental organization was represented: Organization of African Unity.

6. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, attended the session: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Soroptimist International, World Federation of United Nations Associations.

C. Election of officers

7. At the 556th meeting, on 12 June 1995, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Limjuco

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Vladlen S. Stefanov (Bulgaria)
Mr. Fidel Coloma (Chile)
Mr. John Biggar (Ireland)
Mr. Moses Dlamini (Swaziland)

8. At the same meeting, it was decided that Mr. Fidel Coloma would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.2/1995/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1993 session of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

5. Review of future activities.

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1997.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

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II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND REQUESTS FOR RECLASSIFICATION RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda at its 556th to ____ meetings, from 12 to __ June 1995. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on deferred applications for consultative status (E/C.2/1995/R.1);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1995/R.2 and Add.1-31);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1995/R.3 and Add.1-8).

A. Application for consultative status deferred from the 1993 session of the Committee

2. At its 1993 session, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had decided to defer consideration of the application of Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team until its 1995 session.

3. The Secretariat communicated the decision of the Committee to the organization in a letter dated 13 April 1993 and informed the organization that, should it decide to resubmit its application to the Committee, it should do so by 1 June 1994.

4. At its 556th meeting, on 12 June 1995, the Committee took note that Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team had failed to submit a new questionnaire to the Secretariat by 1 June 1994, as had been requested.

B. New applications for consultative status

5. At the 569th meeting, on 19 June 1995, a proposal was made by the representative of Cuba to defer action on the application of Freedom House for category II consultative status until the next regular session of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, a proposal was made by the representative of Ireland to grant category II consultative status to the organization. He then requested that a vote be taken on the proposal to defer action.

7. The proposal was rejected by a roll-call vote of 9 to 8, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia.

Against: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Paraguay, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: India.

8. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Ethiopia and Costa Rica.

9. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Ireland, Paraguay, Greece, India and Swaziland.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba then requested that a vote be taken on the proposal of Ireland to grant category II consultative status to Freedom House.

11. The proposal was rejected by a roll-call vote of 9 to 9. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Paraguay, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: China, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia.

Abstaining: None.

12. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Cuba.

13. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Bulgaria, Swaziland, India, Cuba, China and Ireland.

14. At the 573rd meeting, on 21 June 1995, the representative of Swaziland made a proposal to close the debate on the application of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms.

15. At the same meeting the Chairman made a proposal to grant either category II consultative status or Roster status to the organization.

16. The representative of Swaziland requested that a vote be taken on the proposal of the Chairman. A roll-call was then requested by the representative of Cuba.

17. The proposal was adopted by a roll-call vote of 10 to 4, with 1 abstention.

In favour: Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Paraguay.

Against: Russian Federation, Swaziland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Philippines.

18. Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Cuba and Bulgaria.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Cuba, Chile, China and Ethiopia.

19. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Swaziland.

20. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category I

African American Institute
Association for Progressive Communications
COLAC - Latin American Confederation of Credit Unions
DEVNET Association

Franciscans International
Global 2000
Colombian Confederation of NGOs
HelpAge International
InterAction, American Council for Voluntary International Action
International Association of Soldiers for Peace
International Informatization Academy
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
National Council of Negro Women
Transnational Radical Party
World Economic Forum
World Fellowship of Buddhists
World Wide Fund for Nature International
WorldWIDE Network - Women in Development and Environment

Category II

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
African Health and Human Rights Promoters Commission
African Society of International and Comparative Law
All-China Women's Federation
ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organizations
Asian Women Human Rights Council
Association for the Advancement of Psychological Understanding of Human Nature
Association of Arab-American University Graduates
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia, The
Association of Third World Studies
Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sanstha
Brothers of Charity
Center for International Health and Cooperation
Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network
Cousteau Society, The
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace
Economists Allied for Arms Reduction
European Forum for Victim Services
European Women's Lobby
Federal Union of European Nationalities
Global Fund for Women, The
Goodwill Industries International
Group for Study and Research into Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa
Gulf Automobile Federation
Habitat for Humanity International
Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation
Indian Council of Education
INTERMON
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists
International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development
International Committee of Peace and Human Rights

International Forum for Child Welfare
International Hotel Association
International Islamic Relief Organisation
International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization
International Prison Watch
International Real Estate Federation
International Synergy Institute
International Women's Health Coalition
ISIS International (Chile)
Keystone Center
Latin American Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights
MADRE, Inc.
Marine Environmental Research Institute
Mercy International
National Bar Association
National Safety Council
Netherlands Organization for International Development Cooperation
New Rights of Men
North-South XXI
Perhaps ... Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference
Permanent Assembly for Human Rights
Physicians for Human Rights
Queen Alia Fund for Social Development
Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements
Resources for the Future, Inc.
Simon Wiesenthal Center
SOS Drugs International
Temple of Understanding
United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation
Water Environment Federation
Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources, Inc.
"Women-Action" Research and Training Group
Women's World Summit Foundation
World Information Transfer

Roster

European Federation of Road Traffic Crash Victims
European Road Safety Equipment Federation
International Council of AIDS Service Organizations
International Police Association

C. New requests for reclassification

21. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council reclassify eight organizations from category II to category I and four organizations from the Roster to category II.

Category I

American Association of Retired Persons
International Association for Religious Freedom
International Federation on Ageing
Liberal International
OISCA International (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement)
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities
Socialist International
World Conference on Religion and Peace

Category II

Institute for Women, Law and Development
International Federation of ACATA (Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture)
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
SOS-Kinderdorf International